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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
15 May 2000 (15.05.00)

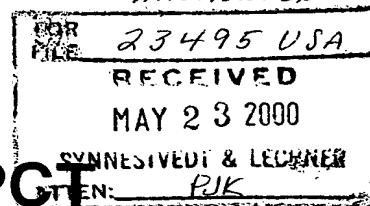
☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY



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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
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(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 17/05/2000	
Applicant's or agent's file reference P23,495 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/US 99/23641	International filing date (day/month/year) 13/10/1999
Applicant IMMUNEX CORPORATION et al. <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> ENTERED COMPUTER 7-17-00 </div>	

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
34, chemin des Colombettes
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within **20 months** from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.



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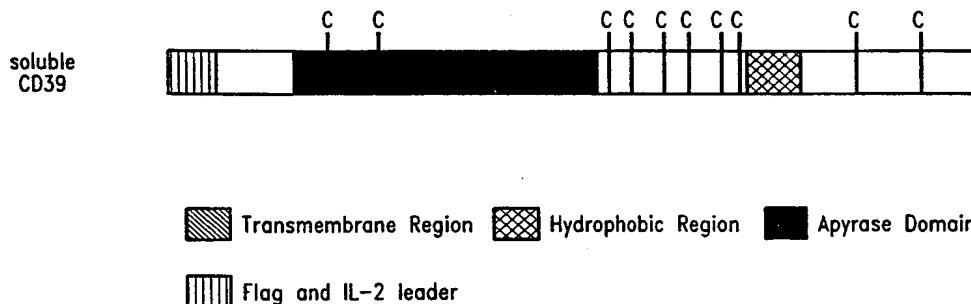
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(88) Date of publication of the international search report:
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(54) Title: METHODS OF INHIBITING PLATELET ACTIVATION AND RECRUITMENT



(57) Abstract

The present invention provides soluble CD39 polypeptides and compositions, and methods for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal comprising administering a soluble CD39 polypeptide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P23,495 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 99/ 23641	International filing date (day/month/year) 13/10/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 16/10/1998
Applicant IMMUNEX CORPORATION et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☒ contained in the international application in written form.

☒ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☒ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☒ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Remark: Although claim 1-20 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C07K C12N A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	GAYLE RICHARD B III ET AL: "Inhibition of platelet function by recombinant soluble ecto-ADPase/CD39." JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION MAY 1, 1998, vol. 101, no. 9, 1 May 1998 (1998-05-01), pages 1851-1859, XP002136365 ISSN: 0021-9738 cited in the application the whole document ----- -/--	1-20

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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17/05/2000

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 96 30532 A (SANDOZ LTD ;NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL (US); BACH FRITZ H (US)) 3 October 1996 (1996-10-03) page 2, line 6 -page 4, line 35 page 6, line 2 - line 15 page 11, line 12 - line 36 page 15, line 12 -page 16, line 27 page 20, line 25 - line 32 page 28, line 8 -page 29, line 32; claims 14,34-41; figure 14 ---	1,2,9, 12-20
A	CHADWICK B P ET AL: "The CD39-like gene family: identification of three new human members (CD39L2, CD39L3, and CD39L4), their murine homologues, and a member of the gene family from Drosophila melanogaster" GENOMICS,US,ACADEMIC PRESS, SAN DIEGO, vol. 50, no. 3, 15 June 1998 (1998-06-15), pages 357-367, XP002117226 ISSN: 0888-7543 the whole document ---	1-4,6-8
A	MARCUS AARON J ET AL: "The endothelial cell ecto-ADPase responsible for inhibition of platelet function is CD39." JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION 1997, vol. 99, no. 6, 1997, pages 1351-1360, XP002136366 ISSN: 0021-9738 the whole document ---	1,17,20
A	CULLEN B. R.: "expression of a cloned human interleukin-2 cDNA is enhanced by the substitution of a heterologous mRNA leader region" DNA, vol. 7, no. 9, 1988, pages 645-650, XP000892169 the whole document ---	3-8,10, 11
A	WO 96 32471 A (UNIV SHERBROOKE ;BEAUDOIN ADRIEN R (CA); SEVIGNY JEAN (CA)) 17 October 1996 (1996-10-17) claims 1,14-16 ---	1-20
A	EP 0 416 673 A (CIGB) 13 March 1991 (1991-03-13) page 3, line 1 - line 51 sequence no 7 abstract; claims 1,2 ---	3-5

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	<p>US 5 073 627 A (CURTIS BENSON M ET AL) 17 December 1991 (1991-12-17) cited in the application column 2, line 21 - line 27 column 6, line 31 - column 7, line 7; claims 1-3</p> <p>-----</p>	5

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Information on patent family members

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WO 9630532	A	03-10-1996	AU 5147996	A	16-10-1996
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			EP 0815252	A	07-01-1998
			JP 11503905	T	06-04-1999
WO 9632471	A	17-10-1996	AU 5265296	A	30-10-1996
			US 5798241	A	25-08-1998
EP 0416673	A	13-03-1991	CU 22222	B	28-03-1994
			AT 130370	T	15-12-1995
			DE 69023580	D	21-12-1995
			DE 69023580	T	11-04-1996
			ES 2081913	T	16-03-1996
			JP 4158797	A	01-06-1992
US 5073627	A	17-12-1991	IE 64202	B	12-07-1995
			MX 9203426	A	01-07-1992
			US 5108910	A	28-04-1992
			AT 103932	T	15-04-1994
			AU 632372	B	24-12-1992
			AU 6424090	A	03-04-1991
			DD 297188	A	02-01-1992
			DE 69007975	D	11-05-1994
			DE 69007975	T	21-07-1994
			DK 489116	T	02-05-1994
			EP 0489116	A	10-06-1992
			ES 2055445	T	16-08-1994
			JP 5500806	T	18-02-1993
			NO 301888	B	22-12-1997
			WO 9102754	A	07-03-1991

Immunoprecipitation of HUVEC detergent lysates with anti-CD39 mAb resulted in complete capture of cell-associated ADPase activity, suggesting that CD39 is the only ecto-ADPase on endothelial cells (Marcus et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 99:1351, 1997). In the same study, COS cell transfectants expressing recombinant CD39 at the cell surface totally inhibited ADP-induced platelet aggregation. Thus, CD39 plays a prominent role in thromboregulation (*see also*, Gayle et al., *J. Clin. Invest.*, 101:1851, 1998).

Excessive platelet activation (i.e., stimulation by an agonist) and recruitment, leading to platelet aggregation and vessel occlusion at sites of vascular injury in the coronary, carotid, and peripheral arteries, presents a major therapeutic challenge in cardiovascular medicine. Excessive platelet activation and recruitment is a contributing factor in clinical disorders including stroke, unstable angina, myocardial infarction, and restenosis following percutaneous coronary intervention including angioplasty, atherectomy, stent placement, and bypass surgery.

Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa antagonists, such as the monoclonal antibody marketed as ReoPro® (Centocor Inc.), are presently under development for the inhibition of platelet aggregation in patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention, and in patients with acute coronary syndromes such as unstable angina and myocardial infarction. The activation of glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptors, however, is a late event in the cascade that leads to platelet aggregation.

There is a great need to identify additional therapeutic strategies and compositions for the pharmacological neutralization of platelet reactivity (activation, recruitment, aggregation). In particular, there is a need to identify compounds and compositions which target early portions of coagulation pathways such as the ADP-dependent activation and recruitment of platelets. There is, in fact, an urgent need to identify new strategies and compositions for the treatment of stroke, which is the third leading cause of death in the United States. In the case of stroke, an advantageous therapeutic agent will reduce intravascular thrombus burden and accompanying neurological defects without increasing intracerebral hemorrhage.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Soluble forms of CD39 having apyrase activity constitute a novel approach to the prevention and/or treatment of disease. The present invention provides soluble CD39 polypeptides and nucleic acids, compositions comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a soluble CD39 polypeptide, and methods of making and using soluble CD39 polypeptides having apyrase activity. The effectiveness of soluble CD39 polypeptides have been demonstrated in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo.

The invention is directed to soluble CD39 polypeptides selected from the group consisting of: (a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478; (b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity; (c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity; and (d) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), (b),

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478;
- (b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity;
- (c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity; and
- (d) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), (b), or (c), wherein said fusion polypeptides have apyrase activity.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) polypeptides having a sequence consisting of amino acids 38-476 or 39-476 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) variant polypeptides that are at least 70% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;
- (c) variant polypeptides that are at least 80% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;
- (d) variant polypeptides that are at least 90% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;
- (e) variant polypeptides that are at least 95% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;
- (f) variant polypeptides that are at least 98% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity; and
- (g) variant polypeptides that are at least 99% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity.

3. A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a polypeptide having the structure X-Y wherein Y is the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 1 and X is selected from the group consisting of an Ala residue and peptides capable of adopting a stable secondary structure.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein X is a peptide fragment from the amino terminal portion of mature IL-2, CD39-L2, CD39-L3, or CD39-L4.

5. A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a polypeptide having the structure A-B-C wherein A is 0-20 amino acids from the amino terminal portion of mature IL-2, B is a linker of 0-15 amino acids, and C is the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 1.

6. A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO: 6, amino acids 25-464 of SEQ ID NO:27, amino acids 25-474 of SEQ ID NO:28, amino acids 27-473 of SEQ ID NO:29, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:3, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:4, or amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO:30;

(b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity;

(c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity; and

(d) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), (b), or (c), wherein said fusion polypeptides have apyrase activity.

7. A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) variant polypeptides that are at least 70% identical in amino acid sequence to the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 6, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(d) variant polypeptides that are at least 80% identical in amino acid sequence to the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 6, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(e) variant polypeptides that are at least 90% identical in amino acid sequence to the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 6, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(f) variant polypeptides that are at least 95% identical in amino acid sequence to the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 6, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(g) variant polypeptides that are at least 98% identical in amino acid sequence to the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 6, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity; and

(h) variant polypeptides that are at least 99% identical in amino acid sequence to the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 6, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity.

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 6, amino acids 25-464 of SEQ ID NO:27, amino acids 25-474 of SEQ ID NO:28, amino acids 27-473 of SEQ ID NO:29, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:3, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:4, and amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO:30.

9. A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide that has been produced by culturing a recombinant cell that encodes a soluble CD39 polypeptide according to claim 1 under conditions permitting expression of the CD39 polypeptide, and recovering the expressed CD39 polypeptide.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the recombinant cell comprises a nucleic acid having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) SEQ ID NO:5;
- (b) DNA sequences which, due to degeneracy of the genetic code, encode the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:5;
- (c) DNA sequences that hybridize to SEQ ID NO:5 under moderately stringent conditions;
- (d) DNA sequences that are at least 70% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof;
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- (f) DNA sequences that are at least 90% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof;
- (g) DNA sequences that are at least 95% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof;
- (h) DNA sequences that are at least 98% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof; and
- (i) DNA sequences that are at least 99% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein the recombinant cell comprises a nucleic acid having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) SEQ ID NO:7;
- (b) DNA sequences which, due to degeneracy of the genetic code, encode the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:7;

- (c) DNA sequences which hybridize to SEQ ID NO:7 under moderately stringent conditions;
- (d) DNA sequences that are at least 70% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof;
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- (h) DNA sequences that are at least 98% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof; and
- (i) DNA sequences that are at least 99% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof.

12. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in combination with at least one other antithrombotic or antiplatelet composition.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in combination with aspirin.

15. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered parenterally.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered intravenously.

17. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the mammal is suffering from unstable angina, myocardial infarction, stroke, coronary artery disease or injury, myocardial infarction, atherosclerosis, peripheral vascular occlusion, preeclampsia, embolism, a platelet-associated ischemic disorder including lung ischemia, coronary ischemia, and cerebral ischemia, a thrombotic disorder including coronary artery thrombosis, cerebral artery thrombosis, intracardiac thrombosis, peripheral artery thrombosis, venous thrombosis, thrombosis and coagulopathy associated with exposure to a foreign or injured tissue surface, deep venous thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE), transient ischemic attack (TIAs), or another related condition where vascular occlusion is the common underlying feature.

18. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the soluble CD39 is administered to prevent thrombus formation or reformation, occlusion, reocclusion, stenosis, or restenosis of blood vessels, or stroke.

19. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the soluble CD39 is administered in conjunction with angioplasty, carotid endarterectomy, anastomosis of vascular graft, atherectomy, stent placement, placement of a chronic cardiovascular device such as an in-dwelling catheter or prosthetic valve or vessel, or bypass surgery.

20. A method for degrading nucleoside tri- and/or di- phosphates in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478;
- (b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity;
- (c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity; and
- (d) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), (b), or (c), wherein said fusion polypeptides have apyrase activity.

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 construct of human CD39

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Ala Pro Ser Val Phe Leu Phe Pro Pro Lys Pro Lys Asp Thr Leu Met
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 Lys Thr Thr Pro Pro Val Leu Asp Ser Asp Gly Ser Phe Phe Leu Tyr
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Lys Thr Gln Leu Thr Ser Ser Gly Asp Tyr Lys Asp Asp Asp Lys	
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acc cag aac aaa gca ttg cca gaa aac gtt aag tat ggg att gtg ctg	192
Thr Gln Asn Lys Ala Leu Pro Glu Asn Val Lys Tyr Gly Ile Val Leu	
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Gly Ile Tyr Leu Thr Asp Cys Met Glu Arg Ala Arg Glu Val Ile Pro	
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 35 40 45
 Thr Gln Asn Lys Ala Leu Pro Glu Asn Val Lys Tyr Gly Ile Val Leu
 50 55 60
 Asp Ala Gly Ser Ser His Thr Ser Leu Tyr Ile Tyr Lys Trp Pro Ala
 65 70 75 80
 Glu Lys Glu Asn Asp Thr Gly Val Val His Gln Val Glu Glu Cys Arg
 85 90 95
 Val Lys Gly Pro Gly Ile Ser Lys Phe Val Gln Lys Val Asn Glu Ile
 100 105 110
 Gly Ile Tyr Leu Thr Asp Cys Met Glu Arg Ala Arg Glu Val Ile Pro
 115 120 125

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Leu Leu Leu Gln Gly Tyr His Phe Thr Ala Asp Ser Trp Glu His Ile
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His Phe Ile Gly Lys Ile Gln Gly Ser Asp Ala Gly Trp Thr Leu Gly
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<210> 27

<211> 464

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<213> Artificial Sequence

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 construct of human CD39

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Glu Asn Val Lys Tyr Gly Ile Val Leu Asp Ala Gly Ser Ser His Thr
 35 40 45

Ser Leu Tyr Ile Tyr Lys Trp Pro Ala Glu Lys Glu Asn Asp Thr Gly
 50 55 60

Val Val His Gln Val Glu Glu Cys Arg Val Lys Gly Pro Gly Ile Ser
 65 70 75 80

Lys Phe Val Gln Lys Val Asn Glu Ile Gly Ile Tyr Leu Thr Asp Cys
 85 90 95

Met Glu Arg Ala Arg Glu Val Ile Pro Arg Ser Gln His Gln Glu Thr
 100 105 110

Pro Val Tyr Leu Gly Ala Thr Ala Gly Met Arg Leu Leu Arg Met Glu
 115 120 125

Ser Glu Glu Leu Ala Asp Arg Val Leu Asp Val Val Glu Arg Ser Leu
 130 135 140

Ser Asn Tyr Pro Phe Asp Phe Gln Gly Ala Arg Ile Ile Thr Gly Gln
 145 150 155 160

Glu Glu Gly Ala Tyr Gly Trp Ile Thr Ile Asn Tyr Leu Leu Gly Lys
 165 170 175

Phe Ser Gln Lys Thr Arg Trp Phe Ser Ile Val Pro Tyr Glu Thr Asn
 180 185 190

Asn	Gln	Glu	Thr	Phe	Gly	Ala	Leu	Asp	Leu	Gly	Gly	Ala	Ser	Thr	Gln	195	200	205
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Phe	Leu	Cys	Tyr	Gly	Lys	Asp	Gln	Ala	Leu	Trp	Gln	Lys	Leu	Ala	Lys	245	250	255
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Pro	Gly	Tyr	Lys	Lys	Val	Val	Asn	Val	Ser	Asp	Leu	Tyr	Lys	Thr	Pro	275	280	285
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Gln	Gly	Ile	Gly	Asn	Tyr	Gln	Gln	Cys	His	Gln	Ser	Ile	Leu	Glu	Leu	305	310	315
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Phe	Leu	Pro	Pro	Leu	Gln	Gly	Asp	Phe	Gly	Ala	Phe	Ser	Ala	Phe	Tyr	340	345	350
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Ile	Lys	Thr	Ser	Tyr	Ala	Gly	Val	Lys	Glu	Lys	Tyr	Leu	Ser	Glu	Tyr	385	390	395
Cys	Phe	Ser	Gly	Thr	Tyr	Ile	Leu	Ser	Leu	Leu	Leu	Gln	Gly	Tyr	His	405	410	415
Phe	Thr	Ala	Asp	Ser	Trp	Glu	His	Ile	His	Phe	Ile	Gly	Lys	Ile	Gln	420	425	430
Gly	Ser	Asp	Ala	Gly	Trp	Thr	Leu	Gly	Tyr	Met	Leu	Asn	Leu	Thr	Asn	435	440	445
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<211> 463

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<213> Artificial Sequence

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construct of human CD39

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35 40 45

Leu Tyr Ile Tyr Lys Trp Pro Ala Glu Lys Glu Asn Asp Thr Gly Val
50 55 60

Val His Gln Val Glu Glu Cys Arg Val Lys Gly Pro Gly Ile Ser Lys
65 70 75 80

Phe Val Gln Lys Val Asn Glu Ile Gly Ile Tyr Leu Thr Asp Cys Met
85 90 95

Glu Arg Ala Arg Glu Val Ile Pro Arg Ser Gln His Gln Glu Thr Pro
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Val Tyr Leu Gly Ala Thr Ala Gly Met Arg Leu Leu Arg Met Glu Ser
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 Glu Glu Leu Ala Asp Arg Val Leu Asp Val Val Glu Arg Ser Leu Ser
 130 135 140
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 Glu Gly Ala Tyr Gly Trp Ile Thr Ile Asn Tyr Leu Leu Gly Lys Phe
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 Ser Gln Lys Thr Arg Trp Phe Ser Ile Val Pro Tyr Glu Thr Asn Asn
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 Gln Glu Thr Phe Gly Ala Leu Asp Leu Gly Gly Ala Ser Thr Gln Val
 195 200 205
 Thr Phe Val Pro Gln Asn Gln Thr Ile Glu Ser Pro Asp Asn Ala Leu
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 Gln Phe Arg Leu Tyr Gly Lys Asp Tyr Asn Val Tyr Thr His Ser Phe
 225 230 235 240
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 245 250 255
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 260 265 270
 Gly Tyr Lys Lys Val Val Asn Val Ser Asp Leu Tyr Lys Thr Pro Cys
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 Thr Lys Arg Phe Glu Met Thr Leu Pro Phe Gln Gln Phe Glu Ile Gln
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 Val Thr Glu Met Met Lys Lys Phe Cys Ala Gln Pro Trp Glu Glu Ile
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 Lys Thr Ser Tyr Ala Gly Val Lys Glu Lys Tyr Leu Ser Glu Tyr Cys
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Thr Ala Asp Ser Trp Glu His Ile His Phe Ile Gly Lys Ile Gln Gly
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<211> 58

<212> PRT

<213> Homo sapiens

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Ile Phe Leu Ser Ser Met Cys Pro Ile Asn Val Ser Ala Ser Thr Leu
 35 40 45

Tyr Gly Ile Met Phe Asp Ala Gly Ser Thr
 50 55

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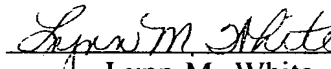
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**REPLY UNDER PCT ARTICLE 34 §(2)(d)
TO WRITTEN OPINION DATED AUGUST 18, 2000**

Sir:

This is in response to the Written Opinion dated August 18, 2000. Applicant amends as follows.

In the Specification

Page 2, line 6, insert --; WO 96/30532-- between "1998" and ")".

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A method for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide having a structure X-Y wherein X is selected from the group consisting of an Ala residue and heterologous peptides capable of adopting a stable secondary structure and Y is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478;

(b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity; and

(c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity[; and

(d) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), (b), or (c), wherein said fusion polypeptides have apyrase activity].

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein Y [the polypeptide] is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having a sequence consisting of amino acids 38-476 or 39-476 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) variant polypeptides that are at least 70% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(c) variant polypeptides that are at least 80% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(d) variant polypeptides that are at least 90% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(e) variant polypeptides that are at least 95% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(f) variant polypeptides that are at least 98% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity; and

(g) variant polypeptides that are at least 99% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity.

Cancel Claim 3.

Renumber Claims 4 to 6 as Claims 3 to 5, respectively.

3 [4]. (Amended) The method of claim 1 [3] wherein X is a peptide fragment from the amino terminal portion of mature IL-2, CD39-L2, CD39-L3, or CD39-L4.

4 [5]. (Amended) The method of claim 1 comprising administering [A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of] a polypeptide having the structure A-B-Y [A-B-C] wherein A is 0-20 amino acids from the amino terminal portion of mature IL-2[,] and B is a linker of 0-15 amino acids[, and C is the soluble CD39 polypeptide of claim 1].

5 [6]. (Amended) A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO: 6, amino acids 25-464 of SEQ ID NO:27, amino acids 25-474 of SEQ ID NO:28, amino acids 27-473 of SEQ ID NO:29, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:3, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:4, or amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO:30;
and

(b) [fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity;

(c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity; and

(d)] fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a)[, (b), or (c)], wherein said fusion polypeptides have apyrase activity.

Cancel claim 7.

Renumber claim 8 as claim 6.

6 [8]. (Amended) The method of claim 5 [6] wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 6, amino acids 25-464 of SEQ ID NO:27, amino acids 25-474 of SEQ ID NO:28, amino acids 27-473 of SEQ ID NO:29, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:3, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:4, and amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO:30.

Insert as new claim 7 the following:

--7. The method of claim 6 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has the sequence of amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO: 30.--

Renumber claims 9 through 20 as claims 8 through 19, respectively.

8 [9]. (Amended) A method according to one of claims 1-7 wherein the [of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a] soluble CD39 polypeptide [that] has

been produced by culturing a recombinant cell that encodes the [a] soluble CD39 polypeptide [according to claim 1] under conditions permitting expression of the CD39 polypeptide, and recovering the expressed CD39 polypeptide.

9 [10]. (Amended) The method of claim 8 [9] wherein the recombinant cell comprises a nucleic acid having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) SEQ ID NO:5; and
- (b) DNA sequences which, due to degeneracy of the genetic code, encode the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:5[;
- (c) DNA sequences that hybridize to SEQ ID NO:5 under moderately stringent conditions;
- (d) DNA sequences that are at least 70% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof;
- (e) DNA sequences that are at least 80% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof;
- (f) DNA sequences that are at least 90% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof;
- (g) DNA sequences that are at least 95% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof;
- (h) DNA sequences that are at least 98% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof; and
- (i) DNA sequences that are at least 99% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:5 or to a fragment thereof].

10 [11]. The method of claim 8 [9] wherein the recombinant cell comprises a nucleic acid having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) SEQ ID NO:7; and
- (b) DNA sequences which, due to degeneracy of the genetic code, encode the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:7[;

- (c) DNA sequences which hybridize to SEQ ID NO:7 under moderately stringent conditions;
- (d) DNA sequences that are at least 70% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof;
- (e) DNA sequences that are at least 80% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof;
- (f) DNA sequences that are at least 90% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof;
- (g) DNA sequences that are at least 95% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof;
- (h) DNA sequences that are at least 98% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof; and
- (i) DNA sequences that are at least 99% identical in sequence to SEQ ID NO:7 or to a fragment thereof].

11 [12]. (Amended) The method of one of claims 1-10 [1-11] wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

12 [13]. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in combination with at least one other antithrombotic or antiplatelet composition.

13 [14]. (Amended) The method of claim 12 [13] wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in combination with aspirin.

14 [15]. (Amended) The method of one of claims 1-13 [1-11] wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered parenterally.

15 [16]. (Amended) The method of claim 14 [15] wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered intravenously.

16 [17]. (Amended) The method of one of claims 1-15 [1-11] wherein the mammal is suffering from unstable angina, myocardial infarction, stroke, coronary artery disease or injury, myocardial infarction, atherosclerosis, peripheral vascular occlusion, preeclampsia, embolism, a platelet-associated ischemic disorder including lung ischemia, coronary ischemia, and cerebral ischemia, a thrombotic disorder including coronary artery thrombosis, cerebral artery thrombosis, intracardiac thrombosis, peripheral artery thrombosis, venous thrombosis, thrombosis and coagulopathy associated with exposure to a foreign or injured tissue surface, deep venous thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE), transient ischemic attack (TIAs), or another related condition where vascular occlusion is the common underlying feature.

17 [18]. (Amended) The method of one of claims 1-15 [1-11] wherein the soluble CD39 is administered to prevent thrombus formation or reformation, occlusion, reocclusion, stenosis, or restenosis of blood vessels, or stroke.

18 [19]. (Amended) The method of one of claims 1-15 [1-11] wherein the soluble CD39 is administered in conjunction with angioplasty, carotid endarterectomy, anastomosis of vascular graft, atherectomy, stent placement, placement of a chronic cardiovascular device such as an in-dwelling catheter or prosthetic valve or vessel, or bypass surgery.

19 [20]. (Amended) A method for degrading nucleoside tri- and/or di- phosphates in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide having a structure X-Y wherein X is selected from the group consisting of an Ala residue and heterologous peptides capable of adopting a stable secondary structure and Y is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478;

(b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity; and

(c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity[; and

(d) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), (b), or (c), wherein said fusion polypeptides have apyrase activity].

Insert new page 58 which now contains the Abstract.

Delete page 59 in its entirety.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the allowability of the claims of the present application is requested respectfully.

Status of the Claims

The Written Opinion of August 18, 2000 addresses all of the claims of the present application, that is, claims 1 to 20. Claims 1, 2, 4 to 6, 8 to 12, and 14 to 20 have been amended, claims 3 and 7 have been canceled, and a new claim 7 has been added.

Summary of the Authorized Officer's Statements

A. Statements Regarding Novelty

Applicants believe that the presently amended claims are novel. Support for the amendment to Claims 1 and 19 (now Claim 20) may be found throughout the specification and claims as filed and, in particular, at page 11, lines 21 to 26.

B. Statement Regarding Inventiveness

With regard to the Authorized Officer's statement that claims 1 to 20 lack an inventive step under Articles 33.1 and 33.3 PCT Applicants submit that methods for using a novel, inventive and industrial applicable composition is a patentable invention. The presently amended claims all define methods for using novel and non-obvious compositions. Accordingly, Applicants submit that methods for using these novel and non-obvious compositions are not obvious. Furthermore, Applicants submit that the use of the presently claimed fusion polypeptides is not foreseen by the disclosure in document D5. The D5 reference relates to replacement of a natural interleukin-2 (IL-2) mRNA 5' non-coding region with a leader element derived from an efficiently translated rat preproinsulin II mRNA. The D5 reference describes modifications to the 5'-non-coding region and to the N-terminal portion of a signal peptide (which is removed upon secretion from the cell), whereas the present invention relates to the use of soluble CD39 fusion polypeptides. There is no disclosure in the D5 reference of CD39 nor is there any mention of methods of treatment utilizing soluble CD39 fusion polypeptides. The D5 reference simply demonstrates that a certain leader sequence may be used to enhance expression of IL-2. Contrary to the Authorized Officer's statements, the D1 reference does not strongly suggest use of the currently claimed fusion CD39 polypeptides since the presently claimed fusion polypeptides are not disclosed in D1.

C. Statement Regarding Item VIII

Applicants have amended the description by adding a reference to document D2 --; WO 96/30532-- between "1998" and ")" at page 2, line 6. Applicants do not believe that document D5, which describes the use of heterologous mRNA leader and signal peptide regions in the expression of IL-2, is relevant background art with respect to the present invention.

D. Statement Regarding Item VIII

The reference to Figure 1 has been deleted from claim 1, which now refers directly to SEQ ID NO: 2.

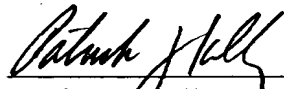
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The number of independent claims has been reduced (Claims 3 and 7 have been canceled and Claims 5 and 9, renumbered as 4 and 8, have been drafted in dependent form) in response to the observations regarding conciseness.

Applicant has included with this Reply replacement pages 2, and 54 to 58 which incorporate the amendments included in the Reply. Applicant has canceled page 59 which became unnecessary in view of the proposed amendments and replacement pages provided. All of the claims are presented on pages 54 to 57 and the Abstract appears on page 58.

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Immunoprecipitation of HUVEC detergent lysates with anti-CD39 mAb resulted in complete capture of cell-associated ADPase activity, suggesting that CD39 is the only ecto-ADPase on endothelial cells (Marcus et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 99:1351, 1997). In the same study, COS cell transfectants expressing recombinant CD39 at the cell surface totally inhibited ADP-induced platelet aggregation. Thus, CD39 plays a prominent role in thromboregulation (*see also*, Gayle et al., *J. Clin. Invest.*, 101:1851, 1998; WO96/30532).

Excessive platelet activation (i.e., stimulation by an agonist) and recruitment, leading to platelet aggregation and vessel occlusion at sites of vascular injury in the coronary, carotid, and peripheral arteries, presents a major therapeutic challenge in cardiovascular medicine. Excessive platelet activation and recruitment is a contributing factor in clinical disorders including stroke, unstable angina, myocardial infarction, and restenosis following percutaneous coronary intervention including angioplasty, atherectomy, stent placement, and bypass surgery.

Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa antagonists, such as the monoclonal antibody marketed as ReoPro® (Centocor Inc.), are presently under development for the inhibition of platelet aggregation in patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention, and in patients with acute coronary syndromes such as unstable angina and myocardial infarction. The activation of glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptors, however, is a late event in the cascade that leads to platelet aggregation.

There is a great need to identify additional therapeutic strategies and compositions for the pharmacological neutralization of platelet reactivity (activation, recruitment, aggregation). In particular, there is a need to identify compounds and compositions which target early portions of coagulation pathways such as the ADP-dependent activation and recruitment of platelets. There is, in fact, an urgent need to identify new strategies and compositions for the treatment of stroke, which is the third leading cause of death in the United States. In the case of stroke, an advantageous therapeutic agent will reduce intravascular thrombus burden and accompanying neurological defects without increasing intracerebral hemorrhage.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Soluble forms of CD39 having apyrase activity constitute a novel approach to the prevention and/or treatment of disease. The present invention provides soluble CD39 polypeptides and nucleic acids, compositions comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a soluble CD39 polypeptide, and methods of making and using soluble CD39 polypeptides having apyrase activity. The effectiveness of soluble CD39 polypeptides have been demonstrated in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo.

The invention is directed to soluble CD39 polypeptides selected from the group consisting of: (a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478; (b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity; (c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity; and (d) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), (b),

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide having a structure X-Y wherein X is selected from the group consisting of an Ala residue and heterologous peptides capable of adopting a stable secondary structure and Y is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478;

(b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity; and

(c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having a sequence consisting of amino acids 38-476 or 39-476 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) variant polypeptides that are at least 70% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(c) variant polypeptides that are at least 80% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(d) variant polypeptides that are at least 90% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(e) variant polypeptides that are at least 95% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(f) variant polypeptides that are at least 98% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity; and

(g) variant polypeptides that are at least 99% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein X is a peptide fragment from the amino terminal portion of mature IL-2, CD39-L2, CD39-L3, or CD39-L4.

4. The method of claim 1 comprising administering a polypeptide having the structure A-B-Y wherein A is 0-20 amino acids from the amino terminal portion of mature IL-2 and B is a linker of 0-15 amino acids.

5. A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO: 6, amino acids 25-464 of SEQ ID NO:27, amino acids 25-474 of SEQ ID NO:28, amino acids 27-473 of SEQ ID NO:29, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:3, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:4, or amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO:30; and

(b) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), wherein said fusion polypeptides have apyrase activity.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 6, amino acids 25-464 of SEQ ID NO:27, amino acids 25-474 of SEQ ID NO:28, amino acids 27-473 of SEQ ID NO:29, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:3, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:4, and amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO:30.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has the sequence of amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO: 30.

8. A method according to one of claims 1-7 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has been produced by culturing a recombinant cell that encodes the soluble CD39 polypeptide under conditions permitting expression of the CD39 polypeptide, and recovering the expressed CD39 polypeptide.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the recombinant cell comprises a nucleic acid having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO:5; and

(b) DNA sequences which, due to degeneracy of the genetic code, encode the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:5.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the recombinant cell comprises a nucleic acid having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO:7; and

(b) DNA sequences which, due to degeneracy of the genetic code, encode the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:7.

11. The method of one of claims 1-10 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

12. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in combination with at least one other antithrombotic or antiplatelet composition.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in combination with aspirin.

14. The method of one of claims 1-13 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered parenterally.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered intravenously.

16. The method of one of claims 1-15 wherein the mammal is suffering from unstable angina, myocardial infarction, stroke, coronary artery disease or injury, myocardial infarction, atherosclerosis, peripheral vascular occlusion, preeclampsia, embolism, a platelet-associated ischemic disorder including lung ischemia, coronary ischemia, and cerebral ischemia, a thrombotic disorder including coronary artery thrombosis, cerebral artery thrombosis, intracardiac thrombosis, peripheral artery thrombosis, venous thrombosis, thrombosis and coagulopathy associated with exposure to a foreign or injured tissue surface, deep venous thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE), transient ischemic attack (TIAs), or another related condition where vascular occlusion is the common underlying feature.

17. The method of one of claims 1-15 wherein the soluble CD39 is administered to prevent thrombus formation or reformation, occlusion, reocclusion, stenosis, or restenosis of blood vessels, or stroke.

18. The method of one of claims 1-15 wherein the soluble CD39 is administered in conjunction with angioplasty, carotid endarterectomy, anastomosis of vascular graft, atherectomy, stent placement, placement of a chronic cardiovascular device such as an in-dwelling catheter or prosthetic valve or vessel, or bypass surgery.

19. A method for degrading nucleoside tri- and/or di- phosphates in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide having a structure X-Y wherein X is selected from the group consisting of an A1a residue and heterologous peptides capable of adopting a stable secondary structure and Y is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478;

(b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity; and

(c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity.

METHODS OF INHIBITING PLATELET ACTIVATION AND RECRUITMENT

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides soluble CD39 polypeptides and compositions, and methods for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal comprising administering a soluble CD39 polypeptide.

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WRITTEN OPINION

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1. This written opinion is the **first** drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the opinion
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain document cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby **invited to reply** to this opinion.

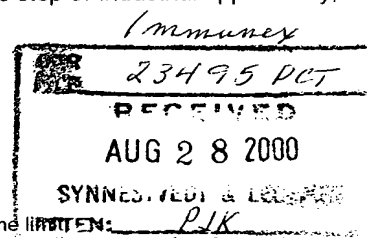
When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).


How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also: For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 16/02/2001.



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I. Basis of the opinion

1. This opinion has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed".*):

Description, pages:

1-53 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-20 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/24-24/24 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application,
- ☒ claims Nos. 1-20,

because:

- ☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 1-20 (inventive step) relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

see separate sheet

- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-2, 6-7, 9-12, 15-20 (NO)
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-20 (NO)
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	see separate sheet

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1) **Claims 1-20** relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34.4(a)(i) PCT).

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

2) Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: GAYLE RICHARD B III ET AL. JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION MAY 1, 1998, vol. 101, no. 9, 1 May 1998, pages 1851-1859.

D2: WO 96 30532 A (SANDOZ LTD ;NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL (US); BACH FRITZ H (US)) 3 October 1996.

D3: CHADWICK B P ET AL. GENOMICS,US,ACADEMIC PRESS, SAN DIEGO, vol. 50, no. 3, 15 June 1998 (1998-06-15), pages 357-367.

D4: MARCUS AARON J ET AL. JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION 1997, vol. 99, no. 6, 1997, pages 1351-1360.

D5: CULLEN B. R. DNA, vol. 7, no. 9, 1988, pages 645-650.

D6: WO 96 32471 A (UNIV SHERBROOKE ;BEAUDOIN ADRIEN R (CA); SEVIGNY JEAN (CA)) 17 October 1996.

D7: EP-A-0 416 673 (CIGB) 13 March 1991.

D8: US-A-5 073 627 (CURTIS BENSON M ET AL) 17 December 1991.

3) Novelty (Articles 33.1 and 33.2 PCT)

The expression "the use of soluble CD39 polypeptide" shall be interpreted throughout this communication as "the use of soluble CD39 polypeptide for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such a treatment", except when specified otherwise.

Claims 1-11 relate to the use of a soluble CD39 polypeptide for inhibition of platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need thereof. Said polypeptide comprise the polypeptides constituted by amino acids [36-44 to 471-478] of the human CD39, fragments, variants and fusion polypeptides thereof.

The use of soluble CD39 polypeptides lacking the membrane spanning sequences for inhibiting platelet aggregation in a mammalian is known (see D2 claims 34-41). The spanning sequences correspond to amino acids [17-37 and 477-499] of the polypeptide of SEQ ID:2 (see figure 1 of the application). Therefore the compounds of claim 1(a) and 2 cannot be distinguished from the compounds used in the prior art for the same purpose. Hence, **claims 1 and 2** lack novelty.

The use of soluble CD39 fusion polypeptides of claims 3-5, 8 is not disclosed in the prior art. The polypeptides of claims 6(b,c), 7 embrace polypeptides constituted by amino acids [36-44 to 471-478] of the human CD39 which use is disclosed in the prior art (D2). For instance the polypeptide consisting of amino acids [25-464] of SEQ ID:27 is the polypeptide consisting of amino acids [38 to 476] of the human CD39 (SEQ ID:2) with one additional Alanine residue in position 25. Hence, **claims 3-5, 8** are novel whereas **claims 6-7** lack novelty.

The use of soluble CD39 polypeptide is known (D2). When specifications of the mode of production of the compound do not modify the nature or properties of the polypeptide, these specifications cannot bring novelty to the use of this particular compound. Therefore, **claim 9** lacks novelty.

Claims 10-11 relate to the use of the polypeptides encoded by the nucleic acid of SEQ ID:5 or SEQ ID:7 or variants of these sequences. Said polypeptides encode respectively the polypeptides of SEQ ID:6 and 8. Whereas, the use of the polypeptide of SEQ ID:6 and 8 could be regarded as novel, it is believed that a polypeptide constituted by amino acids [36-44 to 471-478] of the human CD39 could be encoded by variants of the nucleic acid of SEQ ID:5 and 7 (the polypeptide of SEQ ID:6 and 8 are respectively ~96% and ~91% identical to the polypeptide consisting of amino acids [38 to 476] of the human CD39). Therefore, **claims 10 and 11** lack novelty.

Claims 12-16 relate to different modes of administration of soluble CD39 polypeptide. D2

discloses a pharmaceutical composition of a soluble ecto-ATP diphosphorylase analogue in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier suitable for intravenous injection (page 20 line 26-33 and page 28, line 13-19). Therefore, **claims 12, 15-16** lack novelty. Co-administration of the soluble CD39 polypeptide with antithrombic composition or aspirin is not disclosed for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment, therefore **claims 13-14** are novel.

Claim 17-19 relates to the application of the use of soluble CD39 polypeptide to the treatment of specified diseases or conditions. D2 discloses such applications (page 30), particularly for thrombotic conditions, atherosclerosis and bypass surgery. Therefore, **claims 17-19** lack novelty.

Claim 20 relate to the use of soluble CD39 polypeptides for degrading nucleoside tri- and/or di- phosphates in a mammalian need thereof, which is merely the mechanism of action underlying the inhibition of platelet activation and recruitment. Moreover D2 discloses that the polypeptides used for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment have ATP diphosphohydrolase activity (claim 34). Therefore, **claim 20** lacks novelty.

4) Inventive Step (Articles 33.1 and 33.3 PCT)

D2 which is considered to be the closest prior art, discloses the use of soluble polypeptides consisting of soluble CD39 polypeptides lacking the membrane spanning sequences (which is considered equivalent to amino acid [36-44 to 471-478] of polypeptide of SEQ ID:2) for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such a treatment. The application can partly be distinguished from this prior art as different soluble CD39 polypeptides are used, namely fusion proteins in which one or more amino acid residue were added to the N-terminus of the soluble CD39 polypeptides. This addition improve the expression level and/or stability of the CD39 polypeptide (page 11 line 21-31). Nevertheless, those effects are foreseen by D5 and appear to be both related to the production of the CD39 polypeptide in a recombinant cell rather than to the present invention which relate to later use of the CD39 polypeptide. Therefore, the solution proposed by the application (using fusion soluble CD39 polypeptides) to inhibit platelet activation and recruitment does not bring any unexpected effect (with regard to the biological activity) over the known use of a soluble CD39 polypeptide for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment. Moreover, the use of fusion soluble CD39 polypeptide for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment is strongly suggested in D1 (§ "discussion").

Co-administration with other antithrombic composition or aspirin is not regarded as inventive in the absence of a synergistic effect as it would be trivial for the men skilled in the art to combine two compositions known to achieve the same effect in order to achieve said effect.

Consequently, **claims 1-20** lack an inventive step.

5) Industrial applicability (Articles 33.1 and 33.4 PCT)

For the assessment of the present **claims 1-20** on the question whether they are industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT Contracting States. The patentability can also be dependent upon the formulation of the claims. The EPO, for example, does not recognize as industrially applicable the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment, but may allow, however, claims to a known compound for first use in medical treatment and the use of such a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

6) Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D2 and D5 are not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

7) **Claim 1(a)** rely on reference to figure, which does not appear absolutely necessary (Rule 6.2(a) PCT). The applicant is invited to redraft the claim with a direct reference to SEQ ID NO:2.

8) Although **claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 9** have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to related subject-matter, e.g. particular embodiments of the subject-matter of claim 1. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness. It would appear appropriate to file an amended set of claims defining the relevant subject-matter

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in terms of a minimum number of independent claims in each category followed by dependent claims covering features which are merely optional (Rule 6.4 PCT).

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CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide having a structure X-Y wherein X is selected from the group consisting of an Ala residue and heterologous peptides capable of adopting a stable secondary structure and Y is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478;

(b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity; and

(c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having a sequence consisting of amino acids 38-476 or 39-476 of SEQ ID NO:2,

(b) variant polypeptides that are at least 70% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(c) variant polypeptides that are at least 80% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(d) variant polypeptides that are at least 90% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(e) variant polypeptides that are at least 95% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity;

(f) variant polypeptides that are at least 98% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity; and

(g) variant polypeptides that are at least 99% identical in amino acid sequence to amino acids 36 to 478 of SEQ ID NO:2 or to a fragment thereof, wherein said variant polypeptides have apyrase activity.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein X is a peptide fragment from the amino terminal portion of mature IL-2, CD39-L2, CD39-L3, or CD39-L4.

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4. The method of claim 1 comprising administering a polypeptide having the structure A-B-Y wherein A is 0-20 amino acids from the amino terminal portion of mature IL-2 and B is a linker of 0-15 amino acids.

5. A method of inhibiting platelet activation and recruitment in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO: 6, amino acids 25-464 of SEQ ID NO:27, amino acids 25-474 of SEQ ID NO:28, amino acids 27-473 of SEQ ID NO:29, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:3, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:4, or amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO:30; and

(b) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), wherein said fusion polypeptides have apyrase activity.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 6, amino acids 25-464 of SEQ ID NO:27, amino acids 25-474 of SEQ ID NO:28, amino acids 27-473 of SEQ ID NO:29, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:3, amino acids 21-476 of SEQ ID NO:4, and amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO:30.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has the sequence of amino acids 21-463 of SEQ ID NO: 30.

8. A method according to one of claims 1-7 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide has been produced by culturing a recombinant cell that encodes the soluble CD39 polypeptide under conditions permitting expression of the CD39 polypeptide, and recovering the expressed CD39 polypeptide.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the recombinant cell comprises a nucleic acid having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO:5; and

(b) DNA sequences which, due to degeneracy of the genetic code, encode the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:5.

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10. The method of claim 8 wherein the recombinant cell comprises a nucleic acid having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) SEQ ID NO:7; and

(b) DNA sequences which, due to degeneracy of the genetic code, encode the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO.7.

11. The method of one of claims 1-10 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

12. The method of one of claims 1-11 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in combination with at least one other antithrombotic or antiplatelet composition.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered in combination with aspirin.

14. The method of one of claims 1-13 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered parenterally.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the soluble CD39 polypeptide is administered intravenously.

16. The method of one of claims 1-15 wherein the mammal is suffering from unstable angina, myocardial infarction, stroke, coronary artery disease or injury, myocardial infarction, atherosclerosis, peripheral vascular occlusion, preeclampsia, embolism, a platelet-associated ischemic disorder including lung ischemia, coronary ischemia, and cerebral ischemia, a thrombotic disorder including coronary artery thrombosis, cerebral artery thrombosis, intracardiac thrombosis, peripheral artery thrombosis, venous thrombosis, thrombosis and coagulopathy associated with exposure to a foreign or injured tissue surface, deep venous thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE), transient ischemic attack (TIAs), or another related condition where vascular occlusion is the common underlying feature.

17. The method of one of claims 1-15 wherein the soluble CD39 is administered to prevent thrombus formation or reformation, occlusion, reocclusion, stenosis, or restenosis of blood vessels, or stroke.

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18. The method of one of claims 1-15 wherein the soluble CD39 is administered in conjunction with angioplasty, carotid endarterectomy, anastomosis of vascular graft, atherectomy, stent placement, placement of a chronic cardiovascular device such as an in-dwelling catheter or prosthetic valve or vessel, or bypass surgery.

19. A method for degrading nucleoside tri- and/or di- phosphates in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a soluble CD39 polypeptide having a structure X-Y wherein X is selected from the group consisting of an Ala residue and heterologous peptides capable of adopting a stable secondary structure and Y is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478;

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Immunoprecipitation of HUVEC detergent lysates with anti-CD39 mAb resulted in complete capture of cell-associated ADPase activity, suggesting that CD39 is the only ecto-ADPase on endothelial cells (Marcus et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* 99:1351, 1997). In the same study, COS c. II transfectants expressing recombinant CD39 at the cell surface totally inhibited ADP-induced platelet aggregation. Thus, CD39 plays a prominent role in thromboregulation (*see also*, Gayle et al., *J. Clin. Invest.*, 101:1851, 1998; WO96/30532).

Excessive platelet activation (i.e., stimulation by an agonist) and recruitment, leading to platelet aggregation and vessel occlusion at sites of vascular injury in the coronary, carotid, and peripheral arteries, presents a major therapeutic challenge in cardiovascular medicine. Excessive platelet activation and recruitment is a contributing factor in clinical disorders including stroke, unstable angina, myocardial infarction, and restenosis following percutaneous coronary intervention including angioplasty, atherectomy, stent placement, and bypass surgery.

Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa antagonists, such as the monoclonal antibody marketed as ReoPro® (Centocor Inc.), are presently under development for the inhibition of platelet aggregation in patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention, and in patients with acute coronary syndromes such as unstable angina and myocardial infarction. The activation of glycoprotein IIb/IIIa receptors, however, is a late event in the cascade that leads to platelet aggregation.

There is a great need to identify additional therapeutic strategies and compositions for the pharmacological neutralization of platelet reactivity (activation, recruitment, aggregation). In particular, there is a need to identify compounds and compositions which target early portions of coagulation pathways such as the ADP-dependent activation and recruitment of platelets. There is, in fact, an urgent need to identify new strategies and compositions for the treatment of stroke, which is the third leading cause of death in the United States. In the case of stroke, an advantageous therapeutic agent will reduce intravascular thrombus burden and accompanying neurological defects without increasing intracerebral hemorrhage.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Soluble forms of CD39 having apyrase activity constitute a novel approach to the prevention and/or treatment of disease. The present invention provides soluble CD39 polypeptides and nucleic acids, compositions comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a soluble CD39 polypeptide, and methods of making and using soluble CD39 polypeptides having apyrase activity. The effectiveness of soluble CD39 polypeptides have been demonstrated in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo.

The invention is directed to soluble CD39 polypeptides selected from the group consisting of: (a) polypeptides having an amino acid sequence as set forth in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) wherein the amino terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 36-44, and the carboxy terminus is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 471-478; (b) fragments of the polypeptides of (a) wherein said fragments have apyrase activity; (c) variants of the polypeptides of (a) or (b), wherein said variants have apyrase activity; and (d) fusion polypeptides comprising the polypeptides of (a), (b),